



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Denis MONTAGUTELLI**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2008.

A response to restriction requirement is set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted with this paper.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- (I) Claims 1-4, 8, and 20, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein the second electronic control means comprise substitution alternative elementary electronic control means”
- (II) Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 18 and 19, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein the second support is mainly composed of a nesting dummy cover”
- (III) Claims 1 and 10, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein a driving means comprise at least one pusher implementing motorized means for driving a band”
- (IV) Claims 1 and 11, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein a cutter is mounted in an easily reversible manner on the chassis of the first module”
- (V) Claims 1 and 12, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein a back-up roll is mounted on the first carrying member of the third module.

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Group (II), Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 18 and 19** for prosecution in this application. This election is made **without traverse**, and it is understood that Applicants’ rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.